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                        Opposition to House Bill 2206

Representatives:

Chairmen; Marvin Kleeb, Vice Chair; Gene Suellentrop, Ranking
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Carlson, Will Carpenter, J.R. Claeys, Ken Corbet, Travis Couture-Lovelady,
Michael Houser, Mark Hutton, Josh Powell, Allen Rothlisburg, Louis Ruiz,
Ron Ryckman Jr., Annie Tietze, Brandon Whipple, Staff Members; Carol
Bainum, David Fye, Reed Holwegner, Chuck Reimer, and Ken Wilke

Dear Representatives,

  It's a real privilege to have the opportunity to speak at your committee meeting. I've never done this
before so I'm sure I'll be nervous. I will try my best to speak from my heart about what I believe this
Bill might lead to.

  I'm 58 years old and have been sober for almost 2 years. The urge to drink is something I'm not
bothered with anymore, thank God, but I attend AA meetings in hopes of helping others in their
recovery.

  We're all aware of the statistics pertaining to alcohol abuse. For me, they were just numbers on a page
having no meaning until I started meeting some of those 'numbers' in person. Some men headed to
prison terms, women who have been beaten, a teenage girl in a wheelchair, I was in one meeting
watching a grown man cry over his broken family.

  Worst of all is the devastating effects these problems have on their children. At least when one parent
dies there is a chance to move on. But divorce creates an ongoing problem that never goes away. Many
of these kids grow up becoming everything their parents are. It's tragic.

  Liquor sales aren't going away, but why pass this Bill making so much easier for people to buy it? It
will be a brand new temptation many won't be able to resist. Most drinkers have one thing in mind
when buying booze, getting drunk. With the passage of this Bill we would be helping them do just that.
Except now, it will be much more convenient.

  Please, let us not contribute to an already horrible problem.

                                            Sincerely,

                                            Robert T. Adams